

Bridges-LaTour House
509 S. Front Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1321

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
BRIDGES-LA TOUR HOUSE		PA-1321
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
509 S. Front Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1791		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
From 1813-to 1850 the house was the residence of merchant John LaTour, who owned a rear adjoining lot containing LaTour Warehouse (HABS No. PA-1056).		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Dimensions: 18' (two-bay front) X 40'; three-and -a-half stories on raised basement.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
Adamesque front entrance; projecting water table; brick stringcourses; iron rail at front stoop.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
Plaster walls and ceilings; wide plank floors; molded chairrails and baseboards; 6-panel doors; cased doors and windows; handsome mantelpieces with blue marble surrounds.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
Demolished 1966.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
National Park Service has samples of chairrail and baseboard from second floor rear room. Sketches of floor plans of the house are at the Philadelphia Historical Commission, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Some of the information is based on Richard Webster's <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> , published in 1976 by Temple University Press. Other information is based on HABS reports on this house.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION		DATE
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